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I send greetings to our distinguished military personnel, their families and their loved ones during Military Family Month.

As we confront the challenges of a new era, we look to our veterans and men and women in uniform for their example of courage and sacrifice. Those who devote their lives to our Armed Forces help protect the democratic ideals that make our Nation strong. We also recognize the families who serve beside our brave service men and women. By offering comfort and strength to your loved ones, you play a vital role in our national defense and help make our military forces the finest in the world.

I commend our military families for remaining courageous and steadfast. America is grateful for your sacrifice, love, and support of our heroes in uniform.

Laura joins me in sending our deep appreciation, and best wishes.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "George W. Bush". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "George" written in a large, sweeping script and "W. Bush" following in a similar style.